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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, Applicants
hereby call the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

- U.S. Patent No. 5,329,526 to MURATA et al., issued on July 12, 1994;
- U.S. Patent No. 5,844,886 to SZENTESI, issued on December 1, 1998;
- U.S. Patent No. 5,862,203 to WULKAN et al., issued on January 19, 1999;
- U.S. Patent No. 5,995,618 to BRADLEY et al., issued on November 30, 1999;
- U.S. Patent No. 6,141,410 to GINZBOORG, issued on October 31, 2000;
- U.S. Patent No. 6,222,822 to GERARDIN et al., issued on April 24, 2001;
- U.S. Patent No. 6,226,365 to MASHINSKY, issued on May 1, 2001;
- U.S. Patent No. 6,252,950 to DUTY et al., issued on June 26, 2001;
- U.S. Patent No. 6,259,776 to HUNT, issued on July 10, 2001;
- U.S. Patent No. 6,282,267 to NOLTING, issued on August 28, 2001;

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U.S. Patent No. 6,298,123 to NOLTING et al., issued on October 2, 2001; and

U.S. Patent No. 6,304,635 to IWAMI et al., issued on October 16, 2001.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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